sent them for trial. In 2 cases the Court has convicted certain persons. One bank employee has been dismissed after departmental action.

Collapse of the deep sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh

1647. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team has been sent to Andhra Pradesh to examine the causes of the collapse of the deep-sea fishing industry there;

(b) whether it is a fact that numerous representations have been made on the state of fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what are the reasons for neglecting a major source of employment in coastal Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A team was sent to study the situation after reported stoppage of operations by some owners of deep sea fishing vessels.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has taken a number of steps for development of the deep sea fishing industry. Various plan schemes have been formulated for providing assitance to deep sea fishing companies by way of interest subsidy on loans, equity participation, assistance for conversion of vessels for diversified fishing etc. Training of deep sea fishing vessel crew is being provided by Govt. through Central Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering Training and also on board foreign chartered vessels and vessels of Fishery Survey of India.

Letter of Intent of Punjab Agro-Pepsi-Voltas

1648. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1336 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Punjab Agro-Pepsi-Voltas have fulfilled all the conditions as per the Letter of Intent given to them; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for allowing them to go ahead with soft drink and potato chips projects?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) M/s Pepsi Foods have indicated that they have already taken effective steps and have requested for conversion of the Letter of Intent into an Industrial Licence. The Government have not yet taken a decision in this regard.

Monitoring the export obligations of Pepsi Foods

1649. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the condition towards export obligation in respect of Pepsi Foods was that soft drinks will not be more than 25 per cent of the total turnover;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to monitor the export obligation and the soft drink turnover; and

(c) whether the monitoring will be on an yearly basis from April to March or from January to December?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) One of the